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Beware of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly!

The Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) is one of the world's most destructive agricultural pests, threatening more than 250 kinds of fruits, nuts, and vegetables. The female Medfly attacks ripening fruit, piercing the soft skin and laying eggs in the pulp. The eggs hatch into larvae, or maggots, that feed inside the fruit pulp. This causes the fruit to rot. If Medfly were to become established here, fruit would become less available and cost more.

Please help us combat the Medfly by cooperating with surveying, treatment, and regulation of Medfly-infested areas. If you have questions or concerns about Medfly, please contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, office. Beware of the Medfly and support control and eradication efforts in your area.



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